



VETERANS NEWS

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VETERANS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN EDUCATION NEEDS SURVEY

Colleagues,

I wish to thank you for the assistance you have given in Troops to College.

Your help is now critically important in distributing and encouraging participation in an Interest Survey to assess demand for professional education programs among Veterans and active duty military. Professional Certificate and Master's Degree programs lead to high-paying positions in high demand fields--particularly in science and technology--and the California State University is planning a set of professional education programs specifically for the military.

I would like to ask for your immediate help distributing the Interest Survey. The information needed for you to assist is the instructions for completing the survey, which is provided below. It is for you and others to distribute as widely as possible to encourage members of the military community to take the survey.

The program brochure is attached for distribution at the same time.

We need your assistance in distributing this information as widely as possible. The messages need to be sent in the next week to all appropriate groups of military and veterans.

This Initiative is a significant model for the state and nation. Your assistance in ensuring its success by distributing the survey announcement to all relevant groups and individuals is highly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Tom Johnson, Secretary
California Department of Veterans Affairs

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Members of the Veterans and Military Communities,

In collaboration with Troops to College, the California State University (CSU) has launched the Professional Science Initiative for Veterans and Active Duty Military.

Beginning in March, highly regarded professional certificate and degree programs will be available online to veterans and active duty military. These programs are designed to lead to high-demand, high-paying jobs upon leaving the military or continued career growth in the military.

Please take a few minutes to complete the Interest Survey concerning these professional education programs. The survey is on the web at:

<http://www.gateway.calstate.edu/T2College/T2C-Survey.cfm>

The survey will enable you to provide input about your interest in fully online professional education programs. Your response is requested as soon as possible but no later than December 1, 2008.

The first two courses will begin in March 2009. You may pre-register or learn more about the programs at:

www.neverstoplearning.net/military

We are pleased to be able to share this excellent opportunity with you and encourage you to take the Interest Survey and learn more about the programs.

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